

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alexandra Daoud (514-847-4333) on 03/02/09.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Title:

- Insert a new title: -- Method for adjusting an output parameter of a circuit --;

In the Claims:

- Cancel claims 26-49;
- At the beginning of Claims 2-25, delete "A" and insert: -- The --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest all of the limitations of the claimed invention including a method for adjusting an output parameter of a circuit with the step of trimming a resistance value and a temperature coefficient of resistance of said at least one thermally trimmable resistor to independent values to cause a change in said output parameter,

said trimming said temperature coefficient of resistance done by cycling said resistance value in a first direction away from a starting point and in a second direction back towards said starting point, thereby using said hysteresis characteristic of said thermally trimmable resistor, where the antecedent disclosing is found *inter alia* in the specification on page 9, line 1 and lines 5-8.

Claims 2 and 12-25 are rejoined to the amended claim 23 for allowance because claim 1 is an allowed generic claim, per 37 CFR 1.141.

Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-4568. The examiner can normally be reached on M & Tu, 6AM - 2PM, and W & Th, 9AM – 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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